



2014 Graduate Student Council Meeting Minutes

Details:

Date: October 15, 2014
Time: 12:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Location: 8th floor Board room -Dean B. Ellis Library
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro
Minutes submitted by: Pamela Shultz

Meeting Minutes:

Executive Board

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Board Attendees: Dalia Tejada, Josh Bramlett, Juanjuan Li, Pamela Shultz, and Elizabeth Swagerty

Council Attendees: Special guests: Dr. Crist; Attendees: Shaina Nicholson, Chloe Joslin, Seth Fendley, Holli Werner, Maleri Carpenter, Kimberly McFall, Edna Holt, Leslie Malland, Amber McCammon, Bob Vernocy, Rachel Welicky, Revis Edmonds, Laura Kuizin, Robert Cowles, Meghan Pope, NingNing Zhang, Brittany Price

I. Call to Order and Welcome Note:

Dalia Tejada, President, called the meeting to order at 12:28 pm. Dalia welcomed members and began introductions. She talked about how Dr. Crist would be the speaker for the meeting and that he was seeking donations from the GSC for the Lecture Concert Series as we had donated in the past.

Dalia asked everyone to review the minutes for approval. Kim McFall made a motion to approve minutes with corrections stated. Revis seconded. All were in favor. It was determined that Chloe was the person who seconded last meetings minute approval, and her name was to replace the blank space on the minutes.

Reports:

President Report- Dalia discussed the New Organization Student Research meeting that she attended. The purpose of the group is to raise awareness about student research and opportunities at ASU and collaborative institutions. It provides opportunities for professional development; social media, support create @ stAte, promote participation in related events, publishing, mentoring, and allow for partnerships and connections. Dalia stated that the next meeting will be held on Oct. 22, at noon.

Dalia also thanked everyone for attending the yearbook picture.

Vice President Report- Josh urged members to join committees as there are currently vacant positions on several committees. He stated that he would go into more detail on this during the Committees Report. Students will be graduating soon, and positions will need to be filled. Currently, there are positions open for Development Committee and Library Committee.

Treasurer Report- Juanjuan stated that Travel Fund Committee meeting on Oct.09 was canceled because GSC so far had not received new applications. Next meeting would be on Oct.23rd for approval of travel applications.

Secretary Report- meeting minutes had been approved at the start of the meeting. Pam also asked members if they remember who it was who seconded the minutes from last week to be approved as there are several new members, and it is hard to keep up with everyone's names.

Other Reports: None.

Committee Reports:

Dalia reported that the Shared Governance committee was cancelled, and the next meeting was scheduled for October 13, 2014.

Dalia reported that the shared governance committee meeting was at 3:30 on October 13th. She said the chair Dr. Jeff Pittman explained the shared governance committee purpose and how it serves as an entry point and the exit point for all shared governance proposals. SGOC serves as the Shared Governance liaison to the Chancellor and responds to possible violations of the shared governance process. The shared governance committee reviews the shared governance procedures and ensures shared governance committee performance. Academic shared governance committees: the purpose of each committee was mentioned during the meeting. Dalia stated that during the meeting, Dr. Cooksey mentioned that some committees should be grouped, for example, Computers and Technology with Education and Technology. The shared governance committee will email the final draft for the policies smoke-free and selection of Dean. The Graduate Student Council will have to vote in favor for or against each one of these policies and the next meeting is scheduled for November.

Shaina Nicholson was a proxy for Pamela Shultz in the Education and Technology Committee. Shaina stated that the committee discussed using blackboard collaborate as a classroom tool. Also, it was discussed by student members that ebooks be added to the list of books for classes. There currently isn't an option for students to select ebooks. She also stated that the committee is looking into changing the thesis statement.

Revis Edmonds attended the Faculty Achievement Awards meeting last week, and they sat through two hours of policy overview going through the policies line by line in order to fix inconsistencies.

Leslie discussed the Women's and Gender Studies Committee and stated that it is not listed as one of the committees on the shared governance page. Dalia stated that she will check into this as to why it's not listed on there but she's probably just attending a committee that's for graduate student council and not necessarily part of the shared governance committees. Leslie also mentioned that the safe zone training session that took place doubled enrollment for this last training session. She also stated that the Women and Gender Studies is trying to bring in funds in order to bring in a guest

speaker. Leslie also went into more detail about the speaker stating that she is the first transgender speaker that would be at ASU. Kim asked if this would be open to the public and if people would be able to buy tickets. Leslie stated that it would be free and open to the public. Kim then asked if there was a corporate sponsor that they could look into and Leslie stated that they want to keep it local. Kim asked if the speaker will be going and speaking in individual classes and how else the speaker would be used while on campus. Leslie stated that the speaker will be used as much as possible as they do not want to spend a bunch of money on a speaker who was only going to be here for an hour or two. Kim asked if they had spoken with any Greek organizations about possible donations. Leslie only is asking for groups with action funds and honor societies that are involved. It will cost about \$3000 to \$5000 for the speaker to come and the more departments involved will allow it to be open to the public.

II. Old Business:

- Recruitment of new representatives
- New Student Organization meeting (SRC)
- Elections of President and Vice-President for GSC will be on Oct. 29

III. Open Floor:

None

IV. New Business:

Activities turn in the sheet attached to the Agenda by Friday on dates when representatives are available to attend Group Activity.

Guest Speaker Dr. Tim Crist hands out flyer on current lecture concert series.

Dr. Crist stated that events are not just lecture or concert, and the performers and speakers are involved the community and in the university. They must engage with students to have a better use of the funds. Instead of having them come and leave for just a concert or lecture they must be involved. The lecture concert series committee is a 13 member committee the university gives them \$17,600 and this is been the same amount for the last 10 years they rely largely on funds from other departments they're \$46,000 shy and they're asking for this money for this year budget. They're asking for a lot of student support, and they need more promotional support. Graduate Student Council donated to the lecture concert series last year, and they asked that we, please consider donating again this year. Purpose for donating in year's past was because extra funding that is not used at the end of the fiscal year will be deducted from the next year's budget. In other words, it must be used, or it is lost. Several students in the graduate student council want funds to be used only for research. Revis requested that we use it only for travel. Kim made a motion that if we have any outstanding funds for the end of the year then we donate. Leslie asked that we consider donating to her women and genders speaker. Revis made a motion to table this until further notice. Amber McCammon seconded, and all were in favor. Pam asked that we provide a budget handout at the next meeting so that students will know what we currently have available in the budget.

Dalia passed out handouts on the Constitution and asks that members take a look at the constitution.

Josh stated that Dr. Crist came for money and that we think of our future years not just now.

A motion was made by Josh to review the budget for next meeting and then make a decision at a later time. Chloe seconded and all were in favor.

Revis made a quick announcement concerning the Arkansas Governor's Debate that will be held in the Student Union and is free admission and will be televised live. Doors open at 6pm Monday Oct 20th and for tickets to contact the Chamber of Commerce.

Drawing winners included Seth Fendley and Kimberly McFall.

V. Adjournment: 1:26pm